



Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

December 7, 2016

The Honorable Emmett Jordan
Mayor
City of Greenbelt
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Dear Mayor Jordan:

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is asking that you review your 2016 appointments to COG's policy boards and committees and make reappointments or new appointments for 2017.

Information on 2017 appointments is requested by January 3, 2017, so that each board and committee is fully constituted and able to commence its work as quickly as possible.

Please select individuals who have a strong interest in the subject matter covered by the policy board or committee and who are able to make a commitment to actively participate. Policy boards and committees generally meet monthly or every other month.

COG is an association of more than 250 local, state and federal elected officials in the metropolitan Washington region. Each COG board or committee is largely comprised of local and state elected officials. Timely action on this appointment request will help ensure that program and technical committees, comprised of senior managers from area governments, and the COG staff receive clear and early guidance from elected officials on policy direction and priorities for 2017.

COG's effectiveness depends on engaged members and your continued leadership and support are deeply appreciated.

Please return the included form by mail or email. Feel free to contact Laura Ambrosio at (202) 962-3278 or labrosio@mwkog.org if you have questions. I may be reached at (202) 962-3260 or cbean@mwkog.org.

Sincerely,

Chuck Bean
Executive Director

cc: Cindy Murray, City Clerk
Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
2017 Solicitation for Appointments: City of Greenbelt**

INDEPENDENT POLICY BOARDS	Current 2016 Appointment	2017 Appointment
COG Board of Directors (1) Meets monthly from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Emmett Jordan <i>Judith Davis</i>	
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (1) Meets monthly 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Rodney M. Roberts <i>Konrad Herling</i>	
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (1) Meets monthly 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Leta Mach <i>Konrad Herling</i>	
POLICY COMMITTEES	Current 2016 Appointment	2017 Appointment
Region Forward Coalition (1) Meets quarterly dates TBD	Emmett Jordan <i>Judith Davis</i>	
Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee (1) Meets bi-monthly 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Edward V.J. Putens <i>Silke Pope</i>	
Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee (1) Meets bi-monthly 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.	Konrad Herling <i>Leta Mach</i>	
Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (1) Meets bi-monthly 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.	Judith Davis <i>Edward V.J. Putens</i>	

Notes: *Alternates are shown in italics.*

Instructions:

1. Review current appointments.
2. Refer to the enclosed policy board and committees list for a description of each policy board and committee for which we are requesting an appointment.
3. Appoint or reappoint an elected official for each policy board and committee. Please consider the individual's interest/experience with the committee subject matter, and his/her availability to participate given the noted committee schedule.
4. **Send approved appointments to Laura Ambrosio by January 3, 2017.**
Mailing Address: 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., 3rd Floor Washington, D.C. 20002
Email: lambrosio@mwkog.org

If you have questions, please email or call Laura Ambrosio at lambrosio@mwkog.org or (202) 962-3278.

COG POLICY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

COG is comprised of three independent policy boards and various supporting advisory and technical committees.

INDEPENDENT POLICY BOARDS

COG Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is COG's governing body and is responsible for its overall policies, functions, and funds. The board takes action on committee or staff recommendations, discusses current and emerging multi-jurisdictional problems, and receives briefings on issues facing the region as a whole. Policy items on the agenda are normally generated from COG's policy and technical committees; business or administrative items are usually generated from staff.

Transportation Planning Board

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, and plays an important role as the regional forum for transportation planning. With participation from the District of Columbia and State Departments of Transportation and the region's local governments, the TPB prepares intermediate-range and long-range plans and programs that permit federal transportation funds to flow to the metropolitan Washington region.

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) is the entity certified by the mayor of the District of Columbia and the governors of Maryland and Virginia to prepare an air quality plan for the region and insure compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act. MWAQC coordinates air quality planning activities among COG and other entities, including the Transportation Planning Board; reviews policies; resolves policy differences; and forges a regional air quality plan for transmittal to the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia and, ultimately, to the Environmental Protection Agency.

POLICY COMMITTEES

Policy committees are advisory committees of the COG Board.

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) advises the COG Board on Bay-related policies and tracks developments under the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program for implications to local governments. It also considers questions of potable water supply and waste water treatment. The CBPC regularly prepares position statements in response to state and federal legislation affecting the Bay.

Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee

Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) advises the COG Board on climate change, energy, green building, alternate fuels, solid waste and recycling policy issues, and other environmental issues as necessary. The CEEPC is responsible for managing implementation of the COG Climate Change Report adopted by the COG Board on November 12, 2008. This responsibility includes development of a regional climate change strategy to meet the regional greenhouse gas reduction goals adopted by the Board.

Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee

The Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee (HSPSC) advises the COG Board on a variety of issues including affordable housing, homelessness, child welfare, and crime control and prevention, and traffic safety. Recent actions have included reports on homelessness and crime trends in the region as well as a foreclosure summit to address the significant increase in home foreclosures across the region.

Region Forward Coalition

Regional Forward Coalition oversees the next steps recommended in Region Forward and advise the COG Board on future comprehensive regional planning and implementation activities. The Coalition's primary responsibilities include overseeing the Region Forward performance baseline analysis and future regional progress reports; use Region Forward as a guide to update the Regional Activity Centers; and create clear strategies and initiatives to support the transformation of regional centers into Complete Communities. The Coalition will provide cross-cutting regional policy capacity and long-range regional planning recommendations to the COG Board. The Coalition includes members from public, private and nonprofit sectors which all have a role in helping the region meet its goals.